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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-13. (Canceled)

- 14. (Currently amended) An isolated polypeptide comprising <u>a</u> vanadium haloperoxidase polypeptide consisting of a catalytic helical frame <u>domain</u> that complexes a vanadium ion and catalyzes the oxidation of o-dianisidine (ODA), wherein the vanadium haloperoxidase polypeptide comprises an amino acid sequence having at least 70% sequence identity to the sequence from residue 435 to residue 632 of SEQ ID NO:2, and has a molecular weight of no more than 40 kDa.
- 15. (Original) The isolated polypeptide of claim 14, wherein the polypeptide comprises an Ala residue at a position corresponding to position 455 of SEQ ID NO: 2, a Cys residue at a position corresponding to position 457 of SEQ ID NO: 2, and a Val residue at position 525 of SEQ ID NO: 2.
 - 16. (Canceled)
- 17. (Currently amended) The isolated polypeptide of claim 16, wherein the polypeptide has at least 80% identity to a polypeptide as set forth in SEQ ID NO:2.
- 18. (Currently amended) The isolated polypeptide of claim 16, wherein the amino acid sequence is residue 435 to residue 632 of SEQ ID NO:2.-
- 19. (Original) The isolated polypeptide of claim 16, wherein the polypeptide has a molecular weight of about 20 kDa.
- 20. (Original) The isolated polypeptide of claim 16, wherein the polypeptide is immobilized on a solid surface.

- 21. (Original) The isolated polypeptide of claim 16, wherein the polypeptide further comprises a cleavable linker sequence.
- 22. (Original) The isolated polypeptide of claim 21, wherein the cleavable linker sequence is an enterokinase cleavable linker sequence.
- 23. (Original) The isolated polypeptide of claim 16, wherein the polypeptide further comprises an purification tag.
- 24. (Original) The isolated polypeptide of claim 23, wherein the purification tag comprises a plurality of histidine residues.
- 25. (Original) A method for enzymatically halogenating a compound, the method comprising contacting the compound with an isolated polypeptide of claim 14.
 - 26. (Original) The method of claim 25, wherein the compound is a protein.
- 27. (Original) A method for enzymatically oxidizing a compound, the method comprising contacting the compound with an isolated polypeptide of claim 16.

28-36. (Canceled)